

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant of William Darke BLWt598-500 VA
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[The federal file contains no original document, but the file jacket is annotated as follows: "B.L.Wt.598-500. Lt. Col. C/ Issued Aug. 25, 1789." The following are among the [bounty-warrant papers in the Library of Virginia](#):]

I do hereby Certify that William Darke Esq'r. was appointed a Captain in the 8th Virginia Regiment in February 1776 and Continued in service after having been promoted to the Rank of Lieutenant Colonel Commandant, until the arrangement of the Virginia Line in January 1783, when he became a Redundant Officer liable to be called into service at any future Period During the War. I do further Certify, that Colonel Darke was by Resolution of Congress entitled to every emolument granted to Officers who served until the conclusion of the war, and that in consequence of that Resolution, received his Commutation of half Pay.

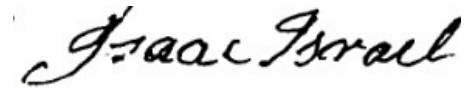
Given under my hand this 5th day of March 1790. James Wood Late B. G
[Brigadier General]

Winchester Barracks March the 3^d 1783.

I do hereby certify that Wm. Darke Esq'r. entered the service as a Captain in the 8th Virginia Reg't. on the 9th of February 1776 & by the late arrangement is considered a Lieut. Colo. Comandant from the 8th of May 1780 & is in actual service to the 27th of December 1782. From the time last mentioned he is considered Supernumerary.
P. Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg] BG

In the month of Dec'r in the year 1775 my father moved to the state of South Carolina from this County. Previous to his removal I was at a muster in this County at the house of Mr. Thomas Rutherford now deceased, when I saw the late General Darke then a Captain as I understood in the American army. He was in a military dress and I understood was recruiting. This was as above stated in Dec'r 1775
Jefferson County Geo Hite [George Hite, pension application W5105]
Virginia Late Lieut 3^d R Dragoons

I Isaac Israel formerly a Leutenant and Captain William Dark (late of Berkley [sic: Berkeley] County in Virginia deceased) do hereby certify that the said Dark commenced in the recruiting service some time in the fall of the year 1775 perhaps in Oct'r. or early in Nov'r of that year and that I myself continued with him as Second Leut. until Aug 1776 when I myself was promoted to First Leutenant and that I continued as first Leutenant until the 10th of August 1777 when I was Promoted to a Captaincy. That ultimately the said Dark became a Colonel and I believe continued under the Continental Establishment to the End of the war against Great Britain. I myself however resigned before the war terminated Given under my hand at the City of Washington this 11th day of Nov'r. 1807



Warrants have issued to L.Co. Wm. Darke for seven years service one of the certificates says "from Feb'y 1776" Wm Price Reagr

William Darke drew a warrant for 6666 $\frac{2}{3}$ acres the 13th June 1783. Certificate states for service as a Lieutenant Colonel Commandant, "from February 1776 to December 1782." also another war't. of 1111 $\frac{1}{2}$ for the 7th year's service the 5th day of March 1790. C Blagrove Clk/ Jany 26 1807

Jefferson County Sct. December Court 1809

It being proved to the satisfaction of the Court, that Mary Manning wife of Jacob H Manning, and Elizabeth Duffield wife of Richard Duffield are the only legal heirs of Gen'l. William Darke dec'd It is therefore ordered that the same be certified

A Copy Teste Geo Hite Clk

[From [Library of Virginia Legislative Petitions Digital Collection](#)/ Berkeley County – Manning, Mary]

To the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia

The petition of Mary Manning and Richard Duffield respectfully represents, that at the commencement of the Revolutionary war, William Darke Father of Mary Manning, and Grand Father of Elizabeth Darke wife of Richard Duffield the petitioners, entered the service of the Colony of Virginia in the year 1775 as a Captain of Infantry and in that capacity enlisted a company in the fall of that year, and marched in the spring of the year 1776 to suffolk Norfolk, Hallifax [sic: Halifax] North Carolina, and Charleston South Carolina, your petitioners have been informed did not leave the army until it was finally disbanded, at which time he returned to the county of Berkely and died in the year 1801. Your petitioners have made diligent search into the records of the government, and among his papers and there cannot be found the least trace of evidence which will justify a presumption however slight that Gen'l. Darke received any portion of his half pay for life, or any commutation therefor, Your petitioners were young when Gen'l. Darke died, and it was not until lately that they were apprised, that they were intituled as his heirs, to his half pay from the close of the revolution to the time of his death, or to his commutation pay.

Your petitioners in conclusion respectfully petition the General Assembly to allow them the commutation pay which said Gen'l. Darke was entitled to as a Captain of infantry in the army of the revolution and they as in duty bound will ever pray &c.

Mary Manning Richard Duffield

Dec'r 10th 1829 ref'd to Claims

Laid on table 16th Dec'r 1829

2^d Jany 1830 Rejected

4th Jan'y Reported